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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

The departure last night of six rebel military officers ordered overseas and the reported cancellation of the largely unsuccessful general strike portends a lessening of tension in the Dominican Republic.

Top rebel leaders Caamano, Montes Arache, and Pena Taveras, however, were not among those who left. Their departure does not appear imminent

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Although Caamano claims that up to 500 men remain in the 27th of February Camp, [redacted] a figure of 150 to 200 is more accurate.

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[Leftist leaders of the feeble general strike which began on 10 January decided to cut short the walkout last night, [redacted]

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[redacted] Although the strike's promoters are claiming victory, the strike failed to gain any of its political objectives, and the departure of some of Caamano's lieutenants signaled that their case had been lost.]

Sporadic disorders and shooting occurred in Santo Domingo again yesterday, reportedly resulting in the death of several youthful demonstrators. The rest of the country was said to be calm. [redacted]

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[Armed forces leaders, although suspicious of Garcia Godoy, appeared yesterday to be softening their position of not leaving the country as ordered. Commodore Rivera Caminero was reportedly attempting to gain assurances from the President that he and other regular military officers ordered overseas would be permitted to leave "voluntarily" and not unceremoniously hustled out of the country as was the case with General Wessin y Wessin last September.]

[Rivera also wants Garcia Godoy to issue a public statement that none of the military leaders ordered abroad will be permitted to reenter the country prior to elections in June 1966. This request is apparently dictated by the military's fear that Caamano would be permitted to return almost immediately.]

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Indonesia: Sukarno's order yesterday to expel all US correspondents in Indonesia is another example of his extreme sensitivity to any speculation regarding his present power position. The President apparently believes that US press reporting on Indonesia has been building up the role of the army at his own expense. The expulsion order at once satisfies his pique on this score and asserts his continued claim to leadership. It is not yet clear whether the ban will be permanent or temporary.

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Burundi-US: [Prime Minister Biha and the Burundi King, both of whom are now in Geneva, apparently acquiesced in the expulsion of the US ambassador in Bujumbura. The expulsion was decided late last month, but the official notification did not reach the US until 10 January. Previously the King and prime minister had functioned as a brake on the Tutsi extremists who are increasingly dominant in the government. The extremists are now said to be planning to use the retaliatory expulsion of Burundi's ambassador in Washington as an occasion to "break relations at once and leave Burundi in peace."]

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Chile: The Chilean economy is threatened by new strikes in two of the country's largest copper mines scarcely a month after the settlement of a 37-day walk-out. Production loss at these US-owned mines, on strike since 2 January, has already exceeded 4,000 metric tons. The running dispute between the Frei government, which advocates part ownership of some of the US mines and a modest wage increase, and the Communist-dominated copper confederation, which wants greater Chilean control than that advocated by the government as well as greater benefits for the worker, has cost the country more than \$30 million. No solution to the impasse is in sight.

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Communist China: Year-end pronouncements claim that the third five-year economic plan will begin in 1966, but give little information and no quantitative targets at all. Stripped of their propaganda content, they seem to indicate that planning has not yet been completed and that no sharp changes are forthcoming in economic policies. The economy in 1965 completed its fourth year of gradual recovery and adjustment following the collapse of the "great leap forward" but apparently is still not ready for any great expansion.

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